

## Interview Summary

**Application No.**

09/618,458

**Applicant(s)**

HAYASHI, EIJI

**Examiner**

Minh H Chau

**Art Unit**

2854

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Lawrence A. Stahl.

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(2) Minh H Chau.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 11 December 2003.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 57,64,71 and 78.

Identification of prior art discussed: Ohtani (US # 6,144,818).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Minh H Chau  
Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the differences between the instant invention and the applied prior art. Especially the feature regarding "acquisition means for acquiring paper feed tray information". Proposal language has been suggested by the Applicant regarding the paper feed tray information is acquiring before the print information being sent by the host computer to more clearly define the scope of the independent claims 57, 64, 71 and 78 and also to overcome the prior art. The Examiner has agreed that the above suggested language will overcome the prior art to Ohtani (US # 6,144,818). An amendment will be file by the Applicant. Further consideration and/or search will be made.